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1. On 12 February 1951, the MVD troops quartered in the Mehner Factory, Annaberg (N 51/K 73), were engaged in infantry training, primarily firing practice, and in patrols. Gate guards wore red-bordered green epaulets. (1)
2. On 23 and 24 February, the Artillerie Kaserne on Leninstrasse, formerly Planitzstrasse, in Chemnitz (N 51/K 66), was still occupied by military personnel wearing red-bordered green epaulets. Some soldiers observed in the billeting area wore black-bordered green epaulets. About 120 soldiers were receiving infantry training at the installation. (2)
3. On 23 February, the Bucher Kaserne in Dresden (N 52/F 29) still quartered troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. More than 100 troops were seen once while engaged in infantry training. (3)
4. It was said that all German inhabitants of the approximately 20 houses on August Bebelstrasse, Dresden-Klotzsche, were recently evicted, relinquishing their houses to Soviet officers. Only two houses on the street, the penitentiary buildings, were not affected by the evacuation order.
5. On 24 February, the Kutscher Factory in Schwarzenberg (N 51/K 52), Erzgebirge, was occupied by about 300 young MVD soldiers who wore red-bordered green epaulets and seemed to be elite personnel or, [redacted] Stalin pupils. The troops were engaged in infantry training, with record practice with rapid-fire rifles apparently being the most prominent training subject. No heavy weapons were seen in the billeting area. [redacted]

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6. According to a civilian, the new barracks installation between Erla and Antonsthal quartered an MVD company of about 150 men from the MVD battalion in Schwarzenberg. The troops were observed receiving infantry training, including the construction of field fortifications and practice of attack movements. [redacted]

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7. The new barracks installation by the Antonsthal-Rittergruen road was occupied by a unit of 150 to 170 young soldiers who wore red-bordered green epaulets. [redacted] the soldiers were Stalin pupils.

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- (1) [redacted] Comments.
The Mehnert Factory probably quarters an MVD battalion.
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- (2) The Artillerie Kaserne is believed to quarter one or two MVD battalions, since previous estimates of the numbers of troops there fluctuate between 500 and 800. [redacted]
[redacted]
- (3) There has been no information on the strength of the MVD unit in the Bucher Kaserne for a long time. It is believed that not less than one battalion is stationed there.
- (4) The Kutscher Factory is probably occupied by one MVD battalion.
[redacted] November 1949 contained data on a 111st Rifle Regt, possibly of the MVD, it was believed that the installation quartered one battalion of this regiment.
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